

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2006**

At a meeting of the **Senior Citizens Committee**, held Wednesday, February 8, 2006, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

Rocca-Vice Chair, Brown, Crouchman, DeSaele, Duzyj, Gielegem and Switalski.

Absent and excused were Gibson and Haggerty.

**Also Present:**

Commissioner Brandenburg  
Commissioner Lund  
Commissioner Rengert  
Commissioner Slinde  
Angela Willis, Director, Senior Citizen Services Department  
Josephine Savalle-Dunn, Administrator, Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility  
James McGuire, Area Agency on Aging 1-B

There being a quorum of the committee present, Vice Chair Rocca called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Crouchman, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include item #7A). **The Motion Carried.**

**ACCEPT THREE DONATION CHECKS TOTALING \$653.75 FROM RMS COMMUNICATIONS GROUP**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DUZYJ, SUPPORTED BY BROWN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT THREE DONATION CHECKS FROM RMS COMMUNICATIONS TOTALING \$653.75. DONATIONS WILL BE USED FOR VICTIM AWARENESS WEEK EXPENSES IN APRIL, 2006 AS WELL AS SAFE, SOUND, AND SECURE CONFERENCE EXPENSES IN AUGUST, 2006.

A brief discussion ensued with Ms. Willis about the public turning in used cell phones and how that will be further advertised.

Vice Chair Rocca called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACCEPT DONATION OF ONE WIRELESS LAPTOP FROM MACOMB COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DeSAELE, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT THE DONATION OF ONE WIRELESS LAPTOP FROM MACOMB COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**REPORT FROM MR. JAMES McGUIRE, AREA AGENCY ON AGING 1-B**

Mr. McGuire spoke about a new initiative the State of Michigan is implementing relating to long-term care services, Single Point of Entry (SPE). He then spoke about Area Agency on Aging's (AAA) interest in implementing a demonstration process (pilot test sites) and seeking the Board's support in the way of a resolution or letter in support of their application which is due on February 17th.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Switalski, supported by Duzyj, to receive and file the report and update from Mr. James McGuire, Area Agency on Aging 1-B.

A discussion ensued with Mr. McGuire about AAA's proposal and application regarding SPE; four pilot sites are to be announced on April 30<sup>th</sup>; the concern that Macomb County was not included in the state's regional configuration with the AAA area and was put in with Lapeer, St. Clair, and Sanilac counties. Mr. McGuire noted that the state would consider any modification to the regional configuration and that AAA would be applying to keep their Southeastern Michigan region together.

Vice Chair Rocca called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

**REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF MORC REGARDING SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY**

Three pieces of information from Macomb Oakland Regional Center (MORC) was placed at Commissioners desks prior to the start of this committee meeting.

Mr. Mark Shulman and Ms. Marcia Marklin of MORC spoke about their proposal and application for SPE. They are finalizing their proposal, which will be narrow in scope, as it will be a Macomb County proposal, since infrastructure already exists in the county.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Duzyj, to receive and file the report from Mr. Mark Shulman and Ms. Marcia Marklin, representatives of Macomb Oakland Regional Center.

A discussion ensued with Mr. Shulman and Ms. Marklin about MORC's proposal and application regarding SPE; how the State of Michigan arrived at four target areas; this being a state directed pilot project under Community Health. Mr. Shulman wanted to include letters of support with their application and was seeking the Board's support in the way of a letter in support of their application.

Vice Chair Rocca called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

Vice Chair Rocca advised Commissioners that a general letter of support would be sent to both agencies.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

A list of Medicare Outreach Days was distributed, that had attached to it notification of upcoming dates for Shred It; Crime Victims Rights Week Open House; Safe, Sound and Secure 2006; Mature Driver Workshop; Older American Festival.

Ms. Willis said she had commitments of six laptops that will be utilized at the Medicare Outreaches. She provided updates on the following key topics: Macomb County Senior Prescription Discount Card; health screening locations; vision screenings; additional Medicare Part D enrollment dates and locations.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by DeSaele, supported by Crouchman, to receive and file the report from Ms. Angela Willis, Director, Senior Citizen Services Department. **The Motion Carried.**

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Josephine Savalle-Dunn, Administrator, Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility

Ms. Savalle-Dunn spoke about legislation regarding long-term care and expressed concern that there is still issues that may alter the process of the final pilot process. She questioned the funding source after the pilots. She felt the issue has been having care providers and having 24-hour care and that the problem is there are not enough low-income alternative choices. She felt education is extremely important, so families know all of their choices. She expressed concern about people going out in the community that have not been setup properly.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by DeSaele, to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.  
**The Motion Carried.**

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Denise M. Jacks  
Committee Reporter